



Senate Bill 1283: Position Report

The ACLU of Michigan opposes SB 1283, which would needlessly interfere with the ability of Michigan's physicians to provide timely and medically appropriate abortion care.

Doctors providing abortion care in Michigan currently offer their patients services that meet all medical and ethical standards -- as well as the myriad restrictions this Legislature has already layered on top of those requirements. Women seeking to terminate pregnancies in Michigan receive accurate and detailed information. SB 1283 does absolutely nothing to enhance patient safety or decision making. On the contrary, by inappropriately intruding on the doctor-patient relationship, it violates the patient's dignity.

SB 1283 is just another attempt to politicize a medical decision that should be between a patient and her physician. Instead of adding such unnecessary and harmful requirements, the Legislature should continue to support programs that reduce unplanned pregnancies in the state, such as Plan First! and comprehensive sex education.